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April 16, 1977

Secretary Marshall Stu Eizenstat Jack Watson Charlie Schultze

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Rick Hutcheson

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM TO:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Jack Watson

April 15, 1977

RE:

Meeting with Ray Marshall at 2:15 p.m.

Today

I am attaching Ray's memorandum on the principal issue he wishes to discuss with you today--House markup of the minimum wage bill.

As Stu indicates, there needs to be more consultation—with Charlie Schultze, Stu, and, I believe, with Treasury and OMB—before the details of a compromise are decided. While I believe you can indicate some flexibility to Ray at today's meeting, I concur with Stu that Ray should not commit the Administration to any change of position until further consultation has occurred.

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#### U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RAY MARSHALL R. T

Secretary of Labor

SUBJECT: Minimum Wage Bill

One item I wish to discuss with you at our meeting at 2:15 p.m. on April 15 is the minimum wage bill which is tentatively scheduled for markup in the House on April 19.

The Administration's proposal on the minimum wage bill was \$2.50 an hour on July 1, 1977 and annual indexing thereafter at 50 percent of straight time average hourly earnings. The Dent bill proposed a minimum wage at 55 percent of gross average hourly earnings (\$2.85) and annual indexing at 60 percent. The AFL-CIO is firmly committed to an immediate minimum wage of \$3 an hour and indexing thereafter at 60 percent of gross average hourly earnings. (The straight-time average hourly earnings index excludes premium payments for overtime and is currently about 20 cents less than the gross average hourly earnings index. Thus, the application of the same percentage to each index will result in wage rates 10-12 cents apart.)

The AFL-CIO has not yet indicated any compromise position. It is our information, however, that the Dent bill may be in trouble and that Dent would like to compromise and then proceed with full Administration support. Specifically, he has indicated that he would advocate a more moderate bill and has tentatively suggested a minimum wage at 52 percent of straight time average hourly earnings (\$2.65 on July 1) and indexing at 55 percent thereafter. He would also modify the bill's demand for the immediate repeal of the Act's "tip credit" (which permits employers to credit against their wage obligation typs received by the employees in an amount

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Electrostatic Copy Made for Preservation Purposes up to 50 percent of the minimum wage) and provide instead for a gradual phase-out of this provision by reducing the permissible tip credit over a period of years.

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

#### WASHINGTON

April 15, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

STU EIZENSTAT

SUBJECT:

Meeting with Secretary Marshall at 2:15 Today

Secretary Marshall has sent the attached memo regarding the minimum wage as background for your meeting with him today. I would make the following points:

- As you know, we had proposed an increase in the minimum wage from the current level of \$2.30 to \$2.50 on July 1, and indexing at 50% of straighttime hourly earnings thereafter.
- In your discussion with George Meany on April 6, he indicated that the level and indexing of the minimum wage should be based on the level of the minimum in the years in which Congress acted, rather than the average for all years. Although it may be a mistake to place too much stress on this comment, the average level of the minimum wage, measured in the years immediately following the nine increases since 1950, has been 53.5% of the previous years straight-time average manufacturing in wage.
- Secretary Marshall's memo to you indicates that Chairman Dent is eager to compromise with the Administration, and is tentatively suggesting an increase in the minimum wage from its current level to \$2.65 on July 1 and indexing at 55% of straight-time average hourly earnings thereafter.

These factors indicate possibility of reaching a compromise favorable to the Administration at an early time -- before battle lines are drawn in the Congress.

#### Recommendation

I would suggest that you ask Secretary Marshall to work with Charlie Schultze and me on recommendations for your consideration.

I would suggest that you ask the Secretary <u>not</u> to commit the Administration to flexibility until you have received and reviewed these recommendations.

April 16, 1977

Tim Kraft -

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Rick Hutcheson

Re: Meeting with George Peppard



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PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC 20500

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DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

SHERRY AND I WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FRIDAY APRIL 29TH. WE WILL BE ATTENDING THE ANNUAL WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE DINNER AT THE INVITATION OF JIM WOOTEN.

IF YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS WE WOULD BE MOST PLEASED TO SAY HELLO TO YOU AND ROSALYN. BEST REGARDS

GEORGE PEPPARD

14:44 EST

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Re: Ft. Monmouth



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MR. PRESIDENT:

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9:15 A.M.

TO: PERSONAL DATE 4/16/77

The Honorable Cyrus Vance NUMBER
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON
April 16, 1977

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Rick Hutcheson

Re: Social Security Cards & Welfare Abuses



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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Jack Watson

Jane Frank

April 13, 1977

RE:

Califano Memorandum on Social Security

Cards and Welfare Abuses

The attached memorandum from Joe Califano responds to five questions raised in your note to him of March 15.

Concerning Social Security cards, Joe points out that eliminating forgery will be an expensive and highly sophisticated proposition. He has estimated elsewhere that it could cost as much as \$500 million simply to reissue Social Security cards. You should also be aware that reissuance raises many civil liberties concerns—will the card become a national identifier?

A Cabinet cluster on undocumented workers, in which Jane Frank participates, is currently grappling with the issues involved in creating a secure worker identification system. Joe is an active participant in that effort. We suggest that we coordinate any decision on upgrading cards for welfare purposes with your decision on the policy recommendations of the cluster on undocumented workers.

ok J

Attachment

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### THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE WASHINGTON, D. C. 20201

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM JOE CALIFANO

Here is a status report on the five questions raised in your note of March 15.

#### Social Security Cards

With respect to the ease with which Social Security cards can presently be forged or altered, a first and necessary step is to upgrade the material used for the card. I have asked the Commissioner of Social Security to consider other paper stock and plastic material options and to recommend a new card format and forgery resistant material for backing on an urgent basis.

Unfortunately, such a change will not by itself eliminate the forgery problem. Without an expensive decision to provide sophisticated, electronic "checking devices" to government offices, banks and employers, however, a truly "tamper proof" card cannot be substituted for the present item.

For various reasons, it is, at present, exceedingly easy, especially for young people arriving at work age (15-18), to obtain a Social Security card. For young people in or out of school, present procedures do not even require formal presentation of a registered birth certificate, driver's license or other proof of identity. Moreover, as the result of a law that required individuals eligible for welfare to

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possess a Social Security card, the Social Security Administration depends upon state welfare departments to qualify millions of welfare eligibles for a Social Security number. These state agencies have widely varying evidentiary standards for determining personal identity.

In issuing cards, the focus of the Social Security Administration is not to check credentials carefully. From its point of view, the use of a Social Security card is to be eligible for insurance payments that are made on the basis of the work of the holder of the card and the taxes the holder has paid. There are changes that we can make to have the Social Security people require significantly increased levels of proof and do much more careful checking. But those changes are likely to be expensive in additional administrative people, in citizen irritation and in delay.

#### Multiple Welfare Benefits

As part of the welfare reform study, we should be able to reduce this kind of cheating through the Inspector General's office. A more systematic effort will be made and proposed in connection with the welfare reform proposals. A final report on this subject will be made as part of the welfare reform study.

#### Consultants and Conventions

To reduce the use of consultants and conventions by HEW we have begun:

- to survey comprehensively recent and past practice regarding the need, use and cost of consultants and conventions;
- to appraise critically the effectiveness and integrity of the Department's use of these arrangements;
- . to define as rigorously as possible the basis on which such arrangements will be appropriate in the future.

The results of that analytical survey will be available to me on May 15, and I expect to be able to announce new procedures on or before May 31 that significantly reduce the The President 3.

use of consultants and conventions and severely tighten the conditions under which outside consultants and conventions will be authorized in the future. I will be reporting the details of the changes that we make at that time.

I have directed that the cost of each consulting report be printed on the cover along with the names of those who worked on the report.

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON
April 14, 1977

The Vice President Stu Eizenstat

The attach is forwarded to you for your information.

Rick Hutcheson

Re: Califano Memo on Social Security Cards and Welfare Abuses.





April 16, 1977

Bert Lance
Hamilton Jordan
Jack Watson
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Rick Hutcheson

Re: Discontinuing the painting of Oil Portraits of Cabinet Secretaries

Mr. President:

Jordan, Watson, Lipshutz and Hugh Carter concur with Lance.

Rick



# OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

APR 12 1977

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Bert Lance

SUBJECT:

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of Cabinet Secretaries

#### I. BACKGROUND

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#### II. OPTIONS

- 1) To continue using oil portraits for this purpose.
- To discontinue using oil portraits and, instead, adopt the alternative recommended below.

#### III. RECOMMENDATION

A more reasonable alternative to this expensive (\$6,000 to \$12,000 each) practice would be to record the line of succession of Cabinet Secretaries with color photographs. This alternative is consistent with your commitment to save the taxpayer's dollars; the color photographs would cost less than \$600.

I recommend, therefore, that you instruct the Cabinet Secretaries to discontinue this practice and, in the future, to use color photographs to record the line of succession of Cabinet Secretaries. Should you agree, I have attached for your signature a memorandum from you to the Cabinet Secretaries.

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#### MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

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While this practice might have been justified in the past, color photographs to record the line of succession of Cabinet Secretaries appear more appropriate now. This alternative is consistent with my commitment to save the taxpayer's dollars.

I am sure you will agree that this is another excellent opportunity to convey to the American people our sincere desire to revise wasteful spending practices. Therefore, I ask that you discontinue this practice and in the future use color photographs to record the line of succession.

Timmy Carter

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM

FOR ACTION:

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FOR INFORMATION: The Vice President

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Jody Powell

FROM: Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

SUBJECT: Bert Lance memo 4/12/77 re Discontinuing the painting

of oil portraits of Cabinet Secretaries.

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ACTION REQUESTED:

\_X\_ Your comments

Other:

STAFF RESPONSE:

\_\_\_ I concur.

\_ No comment.

Please note other comments below:

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# EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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FOR ACTION:

Midge Costanza Stu Eizenstat Bob Lipshutz Jack Watson Hugh Carter Richard Harden FOR INFORMATION: The Vice President

Hamilton Jordan Jody Powell

FROM: Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

SUBJECT:

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TIME: NOON

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ACTION REQUESTED:

\_X\_ Your comments

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STAFF RESPONSE:

X I concur.

Please note other comments below:

\_ No comment.

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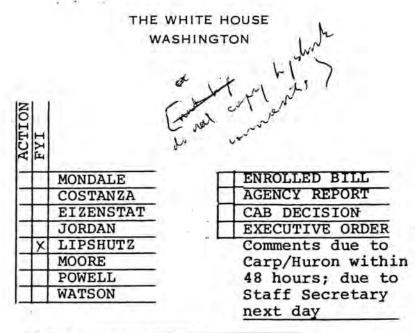
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FROM: Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

SUBJECT: Frank Press memo 4/7 re Staff meetings.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE STAFF SECRETARY BY:

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

DAY: Monday

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**ACTION REQUESTED:** 

\_X\_ Your comments

Other:

STAFF RESPONSE:

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Please note other comments below:

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If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately. (Telephone, 7052)

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Jody Powell -

The attached was returned in the President's outbox. It is forwarded to you for appropriate handling.

Rick Hutcheson

Re: Editors Briefings



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## Carter hopes to instill people with energy saving awareness

by GEORGE J. MEASER, Publisher

Energy, the drought in the western part of the country, construction of dams and election reform came under close scrutiny last Friday in Washington as President Jimmy Carter talked to 28 newspaper and TV representatives during a second "on-the-record" news briefing in the White House.

Carter, "we hope to initiate an immediate consciousness in the American people for a need of energy conservation."

William E. Branen of the and in depth." Burlington (Wisc.) Standard Press and I were the first weekly newspaper publishers selected to partici-pate in the briefing. The day was spent in briefings and questions and answers in the Old Executive Office Building. Lunch was a ham

sandwich.

Intergovernmental relations and drought relief were covered by Jack Watson, assistant to the President and Cabinet Secretary. along with Tom Dunne, who is the administrator for Federal Disaster Assistance Administration. The Energy Reorganization was covered by Dr. James Schlesinger, Assistant to the President for Energy. Election Reform was discussed -by the Chief of Staff of Vice President Mondale, Ri-

"For the short term" said President is an impressive man, easy to talk with and completely relaxed. With a mind that can recall figures hour, plus indexing of the and problems instantly, he wage scale in the future,

will be prepared next year President said:

"I can't guarantee we will President responded: be prepared for several the Congress response on and the expedient approval Energy."

the best investments is to keep the gas and oil in the ground and to quit wasting what is produced."

When asked about the grossly complicated IRS forms for individuals this year, the President stated that the 1977 form will be much simpler.

"If I don't do that, then I will have broken my word and I don't intend to do that," said Carter

The Minimum Wage recommendation of \$2.50 per answered questions freely recently proposed by the Administration, was also When asked if the nation questioned. Asked about his philosophy and if union for a gas shortage, the leaders were consulted in advance about the rate, the

"No, the unions were not reasons. Much depends on consulted, only my staff. The minimum wage level April 20 to energy proposals slowly dropped over a period of years compared to the of a Department of cost of living. A substantial increase of minimum wage The President said he is to bring the low wage earner study of the dams to be built around the nation. Mr. Carter seems firm in his objective review of the national water projects as well as his energy conservation programs.

Dr. Schlesinger, in his earlier discussion, said "the hasic issue with regard to energy is not the novelty of ideas . . . the basic issue is whether the U.S. is serious and will be serious about the energy problem."

By the year 2010, with a 5 per cent growth rate, all known oil reserves will be depleted. Even with a slow down of usage, the year 2015 would see the last of the oil.

"The disproportion (coal to oil) of the resources that we have and the existing pattern of use, is the major problem the U.S. faces,' said Schlesinger.

The soft-spoken energy head said the plan is not to change suburban living habits by abandoning the individual mobility in the

Jimmy Carter seems to be a man at peace with himself

.... A mid-west editor

larly on new construction." Fuel efficiencies must and will be made in all buildings, new and old, homes

and offices, he added. Don Postles of Channel 7 and Cameraman Sam Brunetto asked Jack Watson and Tom Dunne about the Food Stamp program fol-lowing the Blizzard of '77.

Dunne said: "We will never get caught in this bag. again because some people really didn't have a demonstrated need and were getting a free ride. As a result, the whole Emergency Act is being studied.

"New York State legally interpreted the regulations as loosely as possible. Part of the fault was the way the Federal regulation was written."

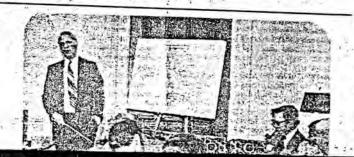
We can't legislate how people react to situations." said Watson, Cabinet Secretary. "Part of the abuse lies with the abusers. It is so easy to target the Federal Government for everything abusive, for stupid regulations, for inept applications or whatever.

"There are people in Buffalo who abused dishonestly with a lack of integrity, responsibility, aid that was coming in a bona fide way. State, local, and federal officials share responsibility. But the primary responsibility lies with the folks who abused the program."

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After the interview with the President, Katherine Schirmer discussed the Carter Administration water projects review along with Chris Farrand, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Department of Interior.

Our group met with the President in the Roosevelt Room of the West Wing of the White House. This is the going to do "all I can" to small room that Franklin transfer industrial gas us-Delano Roosevelt used as a Gold Fish Room. The room is adorned with paintings of changes in the law that will Teddy and Franklin Roose- force conservation," he ty. velt. said. "I am not in favor of a

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all legislative program and White House policy decisions. Watson stated that "a lot of time we have to spend talking when we would like to be thinking. We need to spread as much as possible the responsibility for thinking to all levels of government."

I was impressed by the sincerity of the staff people we met and their dedication to the job of government. particularly to the job of engines and a hard line on buildings that consume communicating with the insulation of homes and power and oil,

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. Amherst resident Don Postle of Channel 7 News talks with President Carter

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April 13, 1977

To Jody from Walt

Now that the President has met three times with editors from outside Washington, he may be interested in the positive coverage these sessions are getting. The editors are, uniformly, impressed with the President and with those of his staff who brief -- and they say so in what they write.

When he finishes briefing the editors this Friday, the President will have met with 112 editors and news directors from more than 100 cities and towns in 36 states.

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# ARKANSAS GACETTE

Washington Report

# Carter Economists Confidently Look To Improving Year

By James O. Powell Editorial Director

President Carter's leading economists and administrators are looking to 1977 with complete confidence in the national economy and in their own ability, with a Democratic Congress, to steer it onward and upward to better levels of performance.

This sense of assurance in the new administration is one of the strongest impressions to be gained in a long day of briefing, of questions and answers, in the executive offices and the White House. The first of such briefing sessions for regional editors was held last week under auspices of the White House press office. Selected editors and news directors were invited from 22 cities representing something of a cross-section of the country, from Seattle to Atlanta.

The aura of confidence enveloping Carter's decision-makers is not necessarily unique but it is peculiar, in a sense, to a Democratic administration that has just come to power via the election box. These men around Jimmy Carter are winners and, as national Democrats, they are activists. While Republicans tend to leave things alone, if you put a fresh Democratic President in office he and his lieutenants proceed on the assumption that the country will be better off soon and, if it isn't, why, they will just confront any economic problem that arises and rassle it to the ground.

\* \* \* In the day's briefings—interrupted only by a frugal Carter-style lunch, consisting of a ham and cheese sandwich—the editors heard Bert Lance, head of the Office of Management and Budget, one of the most influential men in Carter's government; W. Bowman Cutter, executive director for the budget, Lyle Gramley, memberdesignate of the Council of Economic Advisers, Dave Rubenstein and Bertram Carp, deputy assistants to the President for domestic affairs; Harrison Welleford, associate director for government reorganization; and Midge Constanza, assistant to the President for public liaison. The finale was a half-hour meeting with Jimmy Carter, a news conference in which the President answered questions covering a broad sweep of national and international affairs.

As ever, it was the economic expectations and the forecasts that grabbed attention in the briefings.

To begin with, the administration has reached the calculated conclusion that the January weather, ravaging as it was, will have only minor impact on the economic performance for the year. The business resurgence will just be delayed a little while.

In projecting economic growth, the administration is looking for a growth rate rising from last year's 3.8 per cent to an annual 5.5 per cent, on average. A rate above 5 per cent is the kind that will reduce sharply the high rate of unemployment, it is believed.

Anticipating some early relief in unemployment, the administration expects the jobless percentage in the work force to be down to 6.75 by the year's end, compared to 7.5 currently.

Finally, in looking to a good year, Carter's economic managers do not expect immoderate price pressures even with the anticipated \$68 billion deficit in the federal budget. (Democrats regard deficits with concern but accept other major factors in the force of inflation.) Industrial capacity is regarded by the administration as ample, and an expected increase in private credit is not considered much of a threat, inflation-wise.

In the summing up, the administration's outlook is bright. It is unclouded by the expectation of either an economic slowdown or sharper inflation.

The outlook on inflation has been questioned rather more widely than have the predictions for a business upturn but the administration, nonetheless, has been disavowing even the thought of wage-price controls. This is clearly an exercise in child psychology, both for the benefit of the tempestuous George Meany and for the benefit of the notoriously moody business community. It also suggests, however, the present dominance of Bert Lance, the Georgian, in the counsels of the President. Carter's economic troika is Lance, Charles Schultze, chairman of the Economic Advisors, and Secretary of the Treasury Blumenthal.

Listening to Lance talk about wage-price controls, one is reminded that he is the more conservative member of Carter's economic threesome. Indeed, his claims against wage-price controls are extravagant. Not only does Lance disavow any thought of resort to mandatory controls of any kind, he claims that they never have worked. In this con-

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text he sounds exactly like the banker that, or course, he is.

In actuality, a persuasive case can be made that wage-price controles worked not only in wartime but in peacetime, pretty well, too—most recently in the first term of Richard Nixon, who got the economy out of trouble in 1971 with a combination of business stimulants and wage-price controls.

For the present, however, it is plainly Vance's reflexive view of wage-price restraints that is dominant in the White House. It is safe to predict that Lance's view will remain dominant just as long as the wage-price spiral allows.

Although Bert Lance has some pretty conservative instincts, he is one of the advocates of the Carter package which has \$31 billion of tax cuts and expenditures for the next two years. Indeed, if anyone has missed the point John Maynard Keynes is back in fashion in Washington and the great Milton Friedman is out in the cold.

The change of economic helmsmen, as it were, was implicit in remarks made by Cutter, the budget man, in defense of the tax rebate. Cutter noted that Friedman, the monetarist and lion of the Republican right, had pooh-poohed the administration's developing tax rebate, then Cutter went on to say that the rebate of 1975 had had the intended effect, which was stirring the economy out of the doldrums.

Later, Gramley, a brilliant economist for the Federal Reserve (one who doesn't agree with Arthur Burns, the chairman) was asked from the audience of editors if this administration might share the famous observation of Richard Nixon in 1971 right after he (Nixon) had pushed Milt Friedman overboard. Nixon remarked then, "We are all Keynesians now"—even as he proceeded to initiate stimulative tax cutting and wage-price restraints, key weapons in the Keynes arsenal.

Gramley's response was in the affirmative, confirming that Keynes' well known principles are welcome enough in this administration.

As it was in the case of Richard Nixon, President Carter as a practicing politician does not dare gamble on Friedman's laissez faire theories.

Indeed, Friedman's Nobel Prize, along with 30 cents, will get him a cup of coffee any day in Jimmy Carter's Washington. Footnote: A Southern newspaperman visiting the White House for the first time in the new administration can hardly fail to be swept up, at least momentarily, by the Southern character of this, administration.

It is a potentially insidious influence upon the judgment, for even the most renegade of Southerners has a streak of the regional chauvinism. Just a few minutes in the company of Jimmy Carter, Jody Powell and Bert Lance, Georgian to the core, lends itself to the heady feeling that "we" have made it after a hundred years—and the awareness (as they say) that it is "they,"not we, who have the accent now.

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President Jimmy Carter The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I was one of the group of 22 editors and news directors who had the privilege of meeting with you and attending the full day of briefings March 4 with members of your Administration. It was a most enjoyable and instructive day, giving me an insight and appreciation for your objectives and direction that I could not have obtained second-hand.

I am pleased that you are committed to 20 of these sessions a year and feel they will be most valuable as part of your effort to keep in touch with the people — as well as keeping the press and the country more in tune with your Administration and where it is going. It should help forge a better relationship between government and the people, an essential step for our mutual progress.

I appreciated not only the opportunity to question and hear from you and your assistants, but the capability and commitment of all I came in contact with. The briefings were extremely well run, and as a first time operation, the scheduling, punctuality and willingness to be of assistance was most impressive.

I had the opportunity to be in the Nixon White House some years ago and was struck - but not surprised - by the new atmosphere you have created. The warmth, the openness, the sense of mission and commitment to the people are most inspiring. (Enclosed are my reactions written up for our two daily newspapers, Today/s Post and Today/s Spirit in suburban Philadelphia.)

Thank you very much for instituting this program of briefings, which I feel will pay dividends for your Administration, for the press, and ultimately for the people and the country. I came away from this day with considerably more insight, understanding and confidence, as well as a keep appreciation and admiration for

the leadership you are providing for our nation.

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Sincerely. ... Bruce Honderson/Editorial Page Editor

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Honorable Jimmy Carter President of the United States White House Washington, D. C.

Dear President Carter:

Several weeks ago THE GALVESTON DAILY NEWS was <u>fortunate</u> enough to be included in the first group of newspapers to receive special briefings by Press Secretary Jody Powell and his capable staff.

THE GALVESTON DAILY NEWS was represented by my managing editor, Brad Messer.

The purpose of this letter is to express my appreciation for inviting us to the briefing, but more importantly, to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to you for the dynamic and imaginative leadership you are providing the nation at this time.

Frankly, I did not editorially support you in the recent election, but have been most favorably impressed with the manner in which you are leading our nation and do look forward to supporting you in the future.

Your press staff is doing an outstanding job of communicating with the American people.

Page 2 President Jimmy Carter

Again, my sincere thanks and appreciation and my pledge of support to you and your entire administration.

Les/Daughfry / Editor & Publisher

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## Now we know who he is

By Jim Squires

WASHINGTON-Deep in the heart of every Southerner who voted for Jimmy Carter lived the fear that he would go up north and embarrass his homeland.

No one really worried about the little things like his wearing a golf shirt to Cabinet meetings, licking his fingers at a state dinner, or having a brother who lives on Pabst Blue Ribbon. No, sir, the real concern was a big one—that he would be a liberal.

For his first few hours in office, it was touch and go. His first act was the pardoning of draft dodgers. But after 60 days, all is well. It appears Jimmy Carter has decided to become a statesman instead.

THE WORST possible indignation the South could have suffered would have been for the man who beat George Wallace and Gerald Ford in Dixie to go to Washington and turn out to be a George McGovern in overalls. Such fears were justified.

All through his political career in Georgia, Carter had—in the words of some friends—"talked funny." Not funny ha! ha!, but funny liberal. Carter's fiscal policies were conservative. He didn't smoke dope, hang around with labor unions or tolerate anybody more radical than Hamilton Jordan and the president of Coca Cola.

But his talk was often wild, such as kind words for Martin Luther King Jr. or the Civil Rights Act. When Carter started running for President, he got worsesometimes even praising Leonard Woodcock and Ralph

Jim Squires, former chief of the Tribune's Washing-ton bureau, is editor of the Orlando Sentinel-Star.

Nader or promising to sign legislation repealing right to work.

But like many great Southern politicians, Carter proved a master of disguise, successfully defying all categorization. When he finally took the oath of office in January, no one really knew what they had elected. After two months in office, it is quite apparent that Carter will attempt to govern no differently than he

ran. And what you have is not a liberal or a conservative, it's a statesman.

Every politician wants to be a statesman, and most of them have tried. But a close look at our history shows that only a few succeeded:

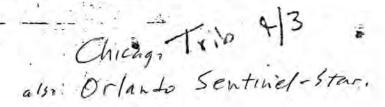
With the possible exception of Abraham Lincoln, they were all men who accomplished very little but became very popular doing it. Toward this Carter is off to a great start.

BASICALLY Carter's strategy appears to be that of his predecessors, including Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford: keep the country occupied with his foreign poli-cy successes; sat the Congress up to take the rap for any demestic failures, and firmly establish himself in the minds of everyone as the greatest inspirational leader in the nations bistory. Only this guy just might

Look at the record. In only eight weeks in office,

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## Now we know who Carter is

Continued from first Perspective page

Carter has dominated the world headlines by tossing into the air every foreign policy ball in the White House closet. These included a verbal battle over human rights with the Soviet Union, a new peace initiative in the Middle East, an economic summit in London, trade disputes with Japan, new relations with Viet Nam and the extension of a friendly hand to Cuba.

For a neophyte in international diplomacy, he has quickly established himself in the area where statesmen are most likely to flower. Not only is foreign policy more fun, it's a safer place to play from the standpoint of domestic fallout.

Anybody who thinks Carter does not know what he's saying and doing just isn't watching closely. He may be gambling and he might lose. But every move so far

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has been elaborately planned. Most have "statesmanship" written all over them in Carter's new "candid" diplomatic handwriting.

First of all, who can oppose or even effectively criticize the free world's No. 1 spokesman for speaking out in favor of human rights and portraying the Soviet Union as the world's No. 1 villain?

On the Middle East, Carter has said nothing publicly that every world leader hasn't acknowledged privately for years—that the Israelis will have to give up something if they are ever to achieve peace and security in the Middle East.

"The President's statements have been carefully designed to educate everybody to the true facts the leaders have always known," confided one Carter aide last week. "How can you lose?"

The same kind of thinking can be found behind almost every Carter move abroad. His initiatives are those of the good guy. Statesmen open up relations, not break them off. They promote arms reductions, not arms races.

MEANWHILE, CARTER has been padding the hometurf for a soft landing in preparation for any number of domestic failures which loom in his future. Like any smart President, he ended the honeymoon with Congress quickly, first by ignoring it and then by tampering with its prized public works water projects.

Every statesman needs a goat to blame for things he cannot possibly do. In anticipation that he will not be able to keep his campaign promises to beat inflation and unemployment at the same time, Carter has effectively set Congress up as the fall guy.

In the end, Carter's success will depend on the ability to build his own image. Statesmen are known-less by what they did than by the public perception of what they did.

So far Carter has proved a master. Having begun many undertakings and finished none, Carter is already enjoying a giant surge in popularity.

From the minute he came to town, Carter and his cadre of young strategists have been largely ignoring the Washington press corps, which has the reputation as the nation's most effective imagemaker — or breaker.

It's much easier, they reason, to just go over the head of the Washington press corps to the folks back home.

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#### Statesmen are known less by what they did than by the public perception of what they did.

the extional presents to bring the local press to Washington, something Carter is into in a big way.

In a remarkably deft stroke, Carterites have begun shuffling newspaper editors and broadcast news exec-utives from the hinterlands into the White House for private chats with the President and top level advisers who are not so readily available even to the Washington regulars.

In a typical show last week more than 30 out-of-town newsmen were feted to an hour each with presidential aide Jack Watson and energy boss James Schle-singer, a cold cut lunch with Vice President Mondale's chief of staff, Richard Moe, and finally a Roosevelt Room chat with the man himself.

The purpose of the sessions is not to make news, but those in attendance seldom realize it. Unless a report-er works in Washington and religiously pays attention to what is being said, it is impossible to know when a top aide, or even the President himself, is saying something new ..

Nonetheless, all that is said and done is kept from the Washington press corps under a 24-hour embargo, assuring the "guests" of "exclusives" for the folks back home. While the sessions do provide a rare and valuable opportunity for the "provincial press," it also provides the administration with a guaranteed outlet for the White House view on the front pages and televi-sion screens out in voting land where it counts the

NO MATTER how sharp or experienced a reporter might be, a summons to the White House and a meeting with the President is an impressive event.

At last week's session, Watson's lecture on how the federal government works was continually interrupted by a stream of television cameramen who entered to take first Watson's picture and then that of their boss seated attentively at his feet. The same routine marked the 45-minute session with Schlesinger.

It was a slick production, far superior to anything put together by the Ford or Nixon administrations. Watson, for example, was bazzling, calling the out-of-towners by their first names and offering carefully programmed responses that sometimes bordered the absurd.

During a hard sell of administration coal policy Watson was questioned by a reporter who identified himself as being from Pennsylvania.

"Pennsylvania," said Watson mechanically, "third largest coal producer in the nation."

Carter himself made clear the goal of this program

during his session with the visitors.

ASKED HOW the nation might avoid another disastrous encounter with bad weather and it-adequate fuel supplies, Carter said he did not know. But the success of his energy policy, he told the visitors, will depend on its acceptance in Congress.

His policies will only prevail. he said, "if the reople back in your communicies think they're good.

Long after the press session was over, Carter re-mained in the Roosevelt room to mingle with the visitors, many of whom were showering him with compli-

ments and thanks for the opportunity to visit.

Meanwhile, a nervous Zbigniew Brzezinski, Carter's chief national security adviser, paced nervously in a hallway outside waving a sheet of paper at the surrounded President.

Brzezinski just had to wait. Carter had his priorities in the right order.

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suggested limiting the use of natural gas to homes and the production of raw materials.

Carter said this nation must do a better job of using its coal reserves.

But he also said he would adhere to his campaign commitment to dereulate natural gas.

"I would like to combine deregulation with a prohibition against exces-

sive profits," he said.
The administration is supposed to determine by September 30 how natu-.ral gas will be transported out of Alaska. The President said he expects to have a decision by that time, although he can, if he desires, obtain a 60-day extension of the deadline.

He was emphatic on two other issues - his decision to curtail 19 water resource projects at home, and his hope of reducing arms sales abroad.

Asked about the deletion from his budget of money for the 19 water projects, Carter said it is his personal judgment that "none of those projects is worthy ... and they ought not be completed."

He said he ruled out the projects on the basis of their economic and environmental impact, and the fact they might be hazardous because of

earthquakes.

The President said his deletion of the projects from his budget, which has stirred a storm of political con-

troversy, was "not a decision lightly made. Somebody's got to bite the bullet and say this must be done."

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Carter said he is taking a hard look at the sale of American arms to foreign countries. Wherever Secretary of State Cyrus Vance went on his recent frip through the Middle East, Carter said, "there was a unanimous statement by every head of state, 'we're spending too much on arms.' "

The President said he had asked leaders of the Soviet Union, Great Britain, France and West Germany to Join the Upited States, in limiting the sales of arms to other countries, and that he had had favorable responses from all of them.

While agreement has not been reached. Carter said, he thinks the United States can get the other nations to join in cutting back on arms sales.

If this is done, he added, money now spent on arms could be used to much greater advantage in other countries to aid; the people; who live there.

Carter's meeting with the newspaper and radio-television executives was the first in a series of such conferences. It is his intention to invite other such individuals from around the nation into the White House every other week for a brief ing by government officials and a on-the-record press conference w the President himself.

## Seattle Post-Intelligencer - Saturday ianada Gas

By ROBERT E. THOMPSON P.I Editor and Publisher

WASHINGTON - President Carter indicated yesterday that the United States and Canada are near agreement on plans for shipment of Alaskan natural gas - and possibly Alaskan oil - across Canada into the Lower 48 states.

The President said he will go before Congress about April 20 to lay out a comprehensive energy program, and that he intends by September 30 to determine the route to be followed ; by a natural gas pipeline from the Alaskan North Slope.

Talking in the White House with a group of 22 newspaper editors and publishers, and radio and television news directors from around the nation, Carter said he and Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau had had extensive discussions about the shipment of Alaskan oil and gas across Canada.

The President also reported that his chief energy adviser, James Schlesinger, and Canadian Energy Minister Alastair Gillespie had met yesterday to "probe further agreement with Canada," on the transshipment of oil and gas. (See story, Page A-2).

"We now have an improving relationship with Canada," said the President, who met in Washington two weeks ago with Trudeau.

One of the possible routes for shipment of Alaskan oil - if it is not moved by tanker into Puget Sound or Los Angeles harbor - is a pipeline from Kitimat, B.C.

Likewise, two trans-Canadian routes for transportation of Alaskan natural gas are under consideration in addition to the possibility of transporting the gas in liquefied form by ship into Washington or California, was a man

While the President said he will consider all possible options, he strongly indicated that Canada will play a major role in moving natural gas, and possibly oil, out of Alaska.

Carter also said the United States must adopt mandatory energy conservation measures because the depletion of oil and natural gas reserves is inevitable. Those procedures, he said, will be implemented by the proposed new Department of Energy, which Schlesinger is slated to head,

The President questioned the need for expanded production of oil and natural gas in the United States. He

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afternoon's work didn't mean much. Now, it still will have to adopt priorities among all the appropriations it approved and the few remaining ones that i probably will have to throw in next week to determine which will get the 312 million or so.

"We're right back where we started from," Senator Robert Harvey of Swifton, co-chairman of the Committee, declared at the

#### Calls It Crazy

It was a bewildering experience for the Committee's newest member, Representative Walter M. Day of Blytheville, who was innocent of the Committee's

"This is the craziest thing I ever heard of," Day raged after Representative Ode Maddox of Oden moved to approve \$5.2 million in park projects - all of the 37 projects requested by the state Parks and Tourism Department. "I move we adjourn."

The Committee didn't adjourn, but Day's outpurst had two results. Maddox changed his motion to reduce the parks projects to the 19 (\$3 million) that Governor Pryor had endorsed — and that passed. Day, joining the early spirit of austerity, had reduced his request for \$392,000 for some construction at a cotton experiment station at Kaiser, near his hometown, to \$200,000. The Committee, which had insisted that he lower the figure to \$200,000, mollified Day by insisting then that he raise it to \$392,000 again.

Day did, but he left in disgust not long afterward.

#### Pryor's Budget

Governor Pryor had submitted his construction budget to the Committee several weeks ago. Mr. Pryor had pared all the requests down to about \$16 million.

The Budget Committee's \$37 million included about everything in the governor's program.

The Budget Committee ap-

proved about \$3,850,000 in new construction funds for the state prisons, only about a fifth of what prison officials would like to

After the Budget Committee (See COMMITTEE, Page 3A.)

## Since the Committee far exceeded the annount available, the afternoon's work didn't mean President Insists 19 Water Projects Shouldn't Be Built

By JAMES O. POWELL Of the Gazette Staff

WASHINGTON President Carter reaffirmed in the strongest terms Friday his opposition to 19 controversial water projects that he has removed from the list recommended for federal funding.

The 19, which include the Cache River channelization in Arkansas, would cost an estimated \$5.1 billion during the

course of their development.

The president said that "my own judgment is none of these projects is worthy and none should be continued. The 19 should not be built."

In this fashion, Mr. Carter joined issue with congressional sponsors who are fighting to have the projects funded. These include Representative Bill Alexander of Arkansas, a proponent of the controversial Cache program, and Representative Morris Udall of Arizona, who has been critical of Mr. Carter for disapproving a massive water project in Arizona.

#### Meets Editors

The president's remarks were made in the course of a wideranging conference in the White House with 22 editors assembled from a cross-section of states and regions reaching from West Virginia to California. It was the inauguration of a program in which Mr. Carter proposes to discuss issues regularly with newspaper editors outside the East Coast metropolitan centers.

Mr. Carter qualified his remarks on the water projects by saying that the final decision on appropriation was, of course, with the Congress, and he said that he could change his mind if it were shown that a project had no serious environmental consequences and that it had an acceptable ratio of costs and benefits. A 60day review of the whole water program is underway.

#### Layoffs Raise Jobless Rate

WASHINGTON (AP) - Factory layoffs caused by fuel shortages helped push unemployment to 7.5 per cent of the labor force in February.

Though unemployment increased from January's 7.3 per cent rate, there were signs of economic strength in the February jobs report.

Total employment increased by 400,000 and the average length of unemployment declined from 15.5 weeks in January to 14.7 in February, the lowest in 21 months.

ness in saving money and avoiding environmental damage. He said the proposed expendi-tures would be a "gross waste of taxpayers money in some in-stances," adding: "In my opinion, several of these projects should not be built if they were free."

#### Bite the Bullet'

"Somebody has to bite the bullet" in controlling this kind of expenditure, the president declared.

The conference lasted about 35 minutes and covered a broad sweep of issues, including energy, arms control, governmental organization, the Central Intelligence Agency and presidential relations with Congress and with his cabi-

Before the questions and answers, Mr. Carter emphasized his concern with re-establishing the confidence of the American people in their government. In this vein he reiterated his determination to make good on his cam-paign pledges. "I hope to carry out all my promises," he said.

The president, in dealing with hotly disputed issues, was perhaps most emphatic in speaking of water projects and arms control. It was clear that he feels strongly about the necessity for reducing the shipment of arms abroad. He reiterated his view that some actions may be taken unilaterally and he argued that arms production is one of the least efficient ways to spend government funds, in terms of costs and creating

A shift of funds from weapons to peaceful services would benefit not only the cause of peace but the economy as well, he added.

Mr. Carter spoke at some length in response to questions about energy conservation and development. Here he was reserved, indicating that he would not endorse specific ideas until the whole administration energy package is brought forth in April.

His stress, however, was on

of Storma imes Amen bert competition side-by-side with the resolution of outstanding problems and issues," he declared.
In outlining this approach,

Vance was reflecting positions taken by President Carter during the presidential campaign when he charged that the Republican administrations had given up too much to Russia without appropriate returns.

Seeking to assuage concern that the Carter administration's criticism of human rights violations in Russia had provoked a major rift in relations, Vance said that during his visit to Moscow later this month he looked forward to "fruitful negotiations" with Rus-sian leaders on a new strategic arms limitation accord.

#### Dealing With Cuba

Vance also disclosed that the United States is willing to deal directly with Cuba "without any preconditions" on a new fishing boundary and on renewing an antihijacking agreement.

In saying for the first time such talks would be direct, Vance also tried to reinterpret previous Carter statements that seemed to require that Cuba do several things before discussions could begin with Washington.

According to Vance, Mr. Carter "did not intend those to be taken as preconditions to talks. He indicated that those were important subjects that would have to be discussed in any meeting which we might have with the Cubans."

#### Agreement Reached

On another subject, Vance said United States and British officials "have reached at a working level general agreement on the form" of a new initiative for a Rhodesian settlement.

Vance said British leaders now are reviewing the situation and until that is completed he will say no more.

However, Vance reaffirmed the American position that the move to black majority rule "is a vital and cardinal principle and must be irrevocable."

The question of United States-Russian relations and their kinship to American concern over human rights violations within Russia dominated the news conference.

Vance noted resentful Russian statements about the American actions, but he continued that, On the other hand. I note a continuing, deep and abiding interest in the Soviet Union and among Soviet leaders for pursuing with us the questions relating to arms control, particularly in the nuclear areas, and in a variety of other matters."

With this statement, Vance was repeating the administration's view that such matters as arms talks are so important that the Russians won't allow United States statements on human rights to interfere with settlement prospects.

Generally, Vance indicated he wants to develop a process that would reflect a "side-by-side" approach.

For instance, trade should continue as "one of the underpinnings of detente." In this regard, the secretary said he would review with Congress those laws restricting American trade as long as the Russians limit full-scale emigration by Jews and other minorities. At the same time, Vance said

the other pole in his program re-quires that the Russians understand the United States position on human rights "is one of the fundamental values that is our

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### The thrust of his remarks, nonetheless, was that he means busiex Room' Advocacy ursing Home Personnel

ministrator of the Armonr Heights Nursing home, said.

She said a person with a good mind who is physically able to have sex didn't need to be in a nursing home.

"Can you imagine what would happen if someone came in to see a patient and was told that the patient was in the sex room?" she asked.

Two other administrators and a number of nursing home employes who have attended federally financed conferences agreed with Mrs. Frye.

Charles Stewart of Little Rock, executive secretary of the Arkansas Nursing Home Association, said some conference speakers' opinions involve broad interpretations of federal regulations regarding a patient's right to privacy.

"Certainly, we don't want to deny anyone their rights \*

having a room for sex, open from 10 to 12," he said.

"This sort of thing \* \* \* could turn into a horror story. It's so highly dangerous that it scares me. There could be severe abuses involved," he said.

Miss Judy Karlins, director of the Little Rock conference, said "sex was not one of the topics discussed formally." She said the subject of sexual activity came up in small discussion

groups.
"It's a problem — a real one to those who spend years in an institution," she said. "But I know that it was never said [at the conference] that there should be a room provided for sex for nursing homes."

"I don't think we advocated any particular action," Mrs. Carolyn Sanders of Pine Bluff, one of the conference instructors, said.

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## Carter Reaffirms Strong Opposition Some Report To Water Projects

conservation. He said he was not dan, payments that he recently sure about the desirability of increasing greatly the production of oil at the expense of resources available to future generations.

He did acknowledge that there will be "mandatory restraints" in his energy program, and he specifically cited insulation stan-dards in housing and fuel economy in automobiles.

The president was relaxed, apparently in the peak of condition and spirits. He spoke warmly of his cabinet, his relations with Congress and his staff, and he spoke with confidence and enthusiasm for what he and his administration are setting out to do.

#### CIA Problem

His most visible concern was the problem of the CIA, after recent disclosures of CIA secret payments to King Hussein of Jor- and an active presidency.

discovered and halted.

He said the affair had "damaged us considerably in getting information from other tries.'

His overriding concern, he said, was with reaching a standoff between maintaining confidence of the American people and at the same time "mandating a degree of confidentiality with foreign governments."

The president held his first meeting with regional editors in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, an intimate conference chamber dominated by portraits of two activist presidents, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Theodore Roosevelt. Clearly it was a fitting setting for Jimmy Carter who, on this occasion, demon-strated anew his own commitment to an active government

## JPs Get List of Values In Response to Figures LR UP Head Presented

County Tax Assessor L. E. Tedford Jr. has mailed Pulaski County Quorum Court members a list of appraised values that his staff placed on several buildings in downtown Little Rock and several suburban commercial developments that were cited as inequitably assessed in a Little Rock Unlimited Progress study.

Tedford's letter was in response to the study figures presented to the Court Monday by Bob Joblin, executive director

of Little Rock UP.

Tedford didn't get to respond Monday because he had left the meeting just before Joblin was invited by County Judge Roger C. Mears Jr. to present the study figures. The study showed wide differences between assessment per square foot on downtown land and land used for commercial purposes in the suburban areas.

Joblin presented no assessment figures on buildings. Tedford's figures showed no breakdown between land and buildings. The figures were his estimates of market value. Assessments are supposed to be fixed at 20 per cent of appraised or market value.

Tedford's letter said Joblin had presented "partial information," but that the appraisal figures would show "a more complete picture."

Some examples from Tedford's

The Sears Roebuck and Co. building on University Avenue, \$3,749,750; University Mall at University and Asher Avenues, \$6,919,000; the First National Bank Building at West Capitol Avenue and Broadway, \$16,242,000; Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at 1111 West

cial developments, such as the Sears building or the Doctors Building on University Avenue, appraised at \$2,526,005, had large parking areas assessed as part of the land along with the actual site of the buildings, whereas downtown land cited by the Little Rock UP study had a higher market value because it wasn't assessed for parking lot use. The McDonald's downtown land was assessed entirely as to market value for use for a commercial building at \$32 a square foot, while the Mc-Donald's land on Rodney Parham was assessed at an average of \$1.68 a square foot because a part of the site was used for parking. That part is assessed lower than the building site, pulling down the average, Taylor said.

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## Poster Child **Visits Carter**

softly it couldn't be heard. "Thank you for your vote, Danva." the president replied.

## Sex Room Talk Is Upsetting,

format of a program, it's certainly discussed in a controlled conversationand these workshop leaders do a beautiful job of controlling it," Mrs. Louis McVey, administrator of Oaks Lodge Nursing Home at Fort Smith,

Mrs. Joy Stevens, one of Mrs. Frye's employes, said she could't recall who made the sex room suggestion in her group.

Mrs. Patricia Beebe of Westark Retirement Home said the subject of "petting rooms" brought up in her group but not by an instructor. Mrs. Beebe said she attended the conference to learn, "and I just don't think this should ever have been discussed."

Another Westark employe, Mrs Eula Martindale, said her instructor gave "no pros and cons on the subject," but "I just stood there aghast when two women were telling what went on in their nurs-ing homes \* \* \* I just couldn't be-

"If the federal government is getting this far off base, someone ought to call their hand on it,' Paul Willis of Westark said.

Mrs. Dianne Garner of Little Rock, president of the Arkansas NASW chapter, said the conference to help nursing home activities directors upgrade their services dealt with "all these problems that these people bring

"In my opinion, it needs to be handled on an individual basis, she said.

"What we do run into are those who work in a facility \* \* \* who would rather deny that sexuality does exist \* \* \*, and you end up with more problems.

"We don't avoid the subject, and we're not going to in the future," she said.

She said she didn't know whether any instructors advocated sex rooms, but it wasn't in the printed material used at the conference. "It might be possible that one may have said that it is a feasible solution," she said.

#### U.S. to Finance Sale Of Rice to Syria

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The Agriculture Department an nounced Friday an agreement to finance the sale of \$15 million worth of American rice and tobacco to Syria under the longterm, easy-credit provisions of the Food for Peace program.

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## ABC Hits Public Of Happy Hour:

now on sale, under the heading Essence. "Entertainment and Happy Time Prices," the Times lists the happy hour schedules and some of the drink prices at 29 liquor-sell-ing establishments.

Leveritt said the feature is run as a "reader service, so consumers can get better prices." It appears in the editorial columns of the magazine and includes listings for many restaurants that do not advertise in the Times.

"They didn't place it there," Leveritt said. "They didn't pay for it. They gave no consent and had no knowledge. We've had calls requesting that we take it out and we explained that it was not advertising."

He said one advertiser complained, then canceled his advertising account with the magazine, Another restaurant manager, who is not an advertiser, complained and insisted that his happy hour not be listed, but Leveritt said the First Amendment guaranteed his right to publish the listing without the consent of the restaurants.

Bailey said it appears to be liquor price advertising to him, whether it is paid for or not. He said he did not believe that the restaurants were not co-operating with the listing "because other-wise how would they get the prices?"

Leveritt said an employe of the magazine calls the bars and restaurants and asks for the information. If they won't give it out over the phone, the employe goes to the restaurant, where the happy hour schedule usually is posted on a sign somewhere.

#### No Direct Recourse

The ABC has no direct recourse against the Times. It can revoke the permits of the restaurants and force them to stop selling li-

Leveritt said he is worried that if any of the bars are closed for any period of time, the bars will sue the Times for damages. Even if the magazine won the suits, he said, the legal expenses could drive him out of business.

Clarence Cash, a former deputy prosecuting attorney who is now manager and part-owner of The Seafarer restaurant, is representing the magazine. Leveritt said Cash would try to get an injunction to prevent Bailey from even writing warning letters to the restaurants.

"We regard any pressure on the restaurants as indirect pressure on the Times," Leveritt said.

In 1974, Bailey was the ABC attorney who filed license revocation proceedings against two restaurants that were listed in

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## A Day At The White House Valley Fig. (A) Carter Theme: Give Us Time, We'll Deliver

BY BRUCE HENDERSON

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President Carter warmed up for his Saturday debut as a radio talk show hirst by meeting the day before with 22 editors and news directors from around the country. We didn't get Walter Cronkite - but we didn't get a busy signal either, A relaxed 45-minute session with the



PRESIDENT CARTER

Ing of the Carter Administration" show. It is a "show" that any objective

perfewer would characterize as full of energy, self-assurance and promise but we have only seen the opening scenes so far, President Carter is committed to 20

group of journalists each time. This was the lirst. The idea is to give the media beyond the Washington press corps a chance to get first-hand information and impressions — as well as a chance to spread the word back home. It is part of the strategy, including bi meetings and radio call-ins, to keep the President from becoming isolated in the Oval Office, as has happened to so

THE BRIEFINGS this day focused on domestic policy, government reorganization, the budget and the economy, featuring such administration officials as Red Lance director of the Office of Management and Budget.

It was a prade of bright young men —

and one woman — all articulate, knowledgeaple, dedicated and detertions and answers was a zeal to deliver on the Carter promise—a naivete over-whelmed by cummitment; a plea for patience to let their man develop the kind of budget and government opera-tion he wants; an assurance that Carter is in for the long haul, with no quick-fix appreaches to problems; and the con-fidence of magicians just opening their hags of tricks, who know what's coming and engagingly contend that "You ain't

After meeting with President Carter at the end of the day, it was easy to see

and unaccompanied into the Rossevell Room of the West Wing of the While House, sat down and quietly began tall-ing of the excellence of the people around him — from staff to cabinet.

HE CAMPAIGNED as a "people's President" and spoke with quiet fervor about establishing a good relationable with the American people as well as the Congress — and he is giving ample evidence that the public is every bit as Important to him as the lawmakers.

His relationship with either, of murse, is going to come down from promise to performance as he goes along though, and he is putting his per-formance more on the line than any President. Earlier in the day we were given copies of the hottest "book" in Washington, not Elizabeth Ray's but a compliation of every promise Cartes made during his two-year campaign, dubbed "Promises, Promises" which he asked his staff to prepare the day

after his election. ... While he admits that it was intended to be only an internal reference work, the press demanded copies and he was happy to enmply. He said Friday that he hopes to live up to these prun and welcomed the oversight of the

IN THE QUESTION PERIOD he admilited that one of the most disharbay surprises of his first six weeks was th surprises of his first six weeks was the CIA revelations. There was some from there, since as a candidate he was not nearly so tolerant of CIA activities, but he deplored the lack of confidentially in intelligence operations. "Maintaing openiess and ponessy while majorations consideratiality of intelligence information openers are "he said.

information concerns the," he said.

Energy was a prime topic, and Pres

tion. He was less concerned with a dependence, more concerned with

He repeated his commitment to deregulation of natural gas prices and warned that there will be a substantial increase, but voiced concern also that profits of natural gas companies not become excessive. He would like in see natural gas reserved for home use, with energy, but coal. He told of how Georgia had made the switch, meeting environmental standards, to the poin that 80 percent of the state's power is now produced from coal.

He spoke of the need for mandatory conservation measures, citing the congressional mandate for gas mileage in new cars in the next decade, and men tioned home insulation as another

But throughout he cautioned that this was too complex an issue to single out uch factors, and that he would be resenting a comprehensive energy regram April 20. And he acknowledgd that any programs would be instituted "only to the extent that Conbey're fair. That's my responsibility."

THE PRESIDENT spoke with feeling about reducing the arms roce, perhaps even with the United States taking nilateral action to get a movement started. "I teel very strongly about this," be said. "I believe our own economy and world peace would be chanced by shifting to other production or services," noting that spending for defense gives us the least return for our dollars. "If you spend it on delense," be said, "you don't spend it

neducation."
He came across throughout the session as a man not consumed with ego but a sincere commitment to serving the people and a clear acceptance of ultimate responsibility. The Harry Truman sign restored to his desk ("The

The quiet but cocky confidence that still echoes from his "I guarantee it" pledges of the campaign and convention, comes through just as strongly with his staff.

BERT LANCE, a hulking, jovial General whose southern accent and easy charm bely his keen intellect, is the point man for two of Carter's most important and ambitious goals - a balanced budget by 1961 and a massive reorganization of the government. He is also a point man for devotion to Carter.

He pleaded for patience on the budgetary front. While the Carter additions to the Ford budget may have given the man in the street the Impres sion that Carter is just another wildspending Democrat after all, Lance argued that this is basically a Ford budget with just minor revisions. Next year, he promised, they would begin zero base budgeting and other budget initiatives "and you'll see major

As did President Carter and other officials through the day, Lance spoke of a balanced budget in 1981 as an absolute goal, a complete commitment. They must want to see Sen. Goldwater nominating Carter for a second term (as he has promised to do if the budget is balanced) as much as the rest of us-But they showed a surprisingly and encouragingly conservative intolerance for budget deficits and the deficit spending that has become a way of life in

THAT SAME ATTITUDE WAS reflected in Lance's uncompromising opposition to wage-price controls.
"They don't work, they never have worked and they never will work," he worked and they never will work," he earld, while expressing surprise that the question keeps coming up, in view of his and Carter's outspoken opposition. When it was pointed out that the Nixon people were saying the same thing before instituting controls, he recogniz-



- BERT LANCE

the matter pretty well laid to rest. planned by Carter will shape in He gave the feeling that they are that every proposal will be controlled, but with a commitment that

not settle for anything less. Throughout the other briefing sions, the same feelings of confider timism without illusions came tar - with predictions of economic st. ty, less inflation, lower unemployer more productivity, and a determin

to get the delicit under control. IT WAS THE KIND of heads timism that is easy to dismiss as idealism of government rockless there are always some mokies w hangs on in surprise a lot of people they become veterans, and the comment of those leaders had an infecquality, inspiring hope even amon-

It is surely going to be an intere-four years. The message oct throughout the White House this surely must wait and see But judirection on display Friday we sense that what the people want

#### A People's Government

Carter into office was the feeling that he represented something different. Those who bought the dream believed that he would not be just another politician, taking to the leash of special interests once in office, isolating himself in the splendor of the White House "them will feel closer to the government. and becoming more and more distant from the people and their concerns. At the same time, of course, he was dogged by a skep-

One of the things that propelled Jimmy a day with his staff and to meet with him privately is just one example. Most of our news and impressions come from the Washington press corps, but the more that this can be diffused, the more the people and the news media which provides a link for

President Carter has committed himself to 20 of these sessions a year, each with a dif. ferent group, as well as his commitment to Perspective .

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Charles W. Bailey Editor

March 8, 1977

Mr. Jody Powell Press Secretary to the President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Jody:

Just a quick note to thank you for the invitation to the editors' briefing session last Friday. It was useful throughout -- especially the sessions with Bert Lance and Lyle Gramley -- and of course the presidential press conference was particularly meaty.

As you may know I spent (or mis-spent) something like 18 years in Washington, the last nine of them pretty steadily at the White House. I can't remember a president in that time coming down so flat-footed on so many issues in so short a time as Mr. Carter did with us. I cringed at some of the silly stuff brought up by some of my colleagues, but I guess that is the price you pay for letting editors in.

I only wish there had been a chance to get acquainted with you. But that will come someday, and meanwhile I will leave you to the tender mercies of Finlay Lewis, our Bureau chief.

Thanks again, and please convey my appreciation to the president.

Sincerely,

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### Impressions Of Timmy

Carter..

BY ROBERT E. THOMPSON P-I Editor and Publisher

WASHINGTON — His hair is the shade of Palouse wheat dusted with winter snow. His eyes are the cold blue of a mountain lake. His demeanor is quiet and confident.

He has just completed his first six weeks in the presidency. He enjoys his job. He already has experienced triumphs, disappointments and surprises. He is studying and learning and is quite candid in stating that he does not "know all the answers."

It is difficult to imagine him.

It is difficult to imagine him raising his voice in anger. But then, it is equally difficult to think that a man of such self-assurance and subdued manner would have to raise his voice.

He manages to smile even when discussing the most serious matters of state. Unlike a number of his predecessors, he also is quite willing to reply to questions with an honest "I don't know."

These are immediate impressions of President Carter gained during his initial White House meeting with newspaper editors and publishers and radio and television news directors from around the nation.

As he strode into the Roosevelt Room adjacent to his White House Oval Office late Friday to meet with the 22 news media representatives. Carter appeared a smaller man than the candidate we remember from the campaign trail.

In physical presence, he simply is not as overwhelming as Gerald Ford or Lyndon B. Johnson.

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But what he lacks in height, Carter appears to make up in grace, naturalness and cool intellect. Although he wore a gray suit, blue shirt and red, white and blue tie, Carter was no more formal than he might have been in his favorite yellow sweater. He conceded that he began his relationship with Congress on

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## Impressions of Jimmy Carter, President

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"shaky ground" and that he has had a difficult time convincing official Washington that he truly is an accessible president and that basic decisions will be made by cabinet officers and not just in the White House.

He made it clear he is determined not to have a Bob Haldeman or John Ehrlichman standing between him and Congress or the

people.

The President also reported during his first six weeks in office he discovered there is a basic — and probably dangerous — conflict between the need to preserve an open democratic society and the need to protect American intelligence efforts abroad.

Carter said he has no ready solution for this dilemma, which has disturbed all of his immediate predecessors and which may be as old as democracy itself. But he is deeply concerned about its impact upon both the United States and America's allies and adversaries abroad.

Surrounded by paintings recalling the vivid careers of the inimitable Theodore and Franklin Roosevelts, the President made his comments when asked to enumerate the major disappointments and surprises of his first weeks in office.

While he did not specifically mention newspaper reports of CIA payments to King Hussein of Jordan and other foreign leaders, the President said: "One of the surprises has been the almost total absence of any sort of confidentiality around Washington on matters that I think sometimes we would like to hold to ourselves. I have been quite disconcerted at some of the CIA revelations, for instance, and I believe it has damaged us considerably in our capability of obtaining adequate intelligence information from other countries."

He then asked: "How can you maintain a democracy, truthfulness and frankness with the American people on the one hand, and on the other hand preserve a mandatory degree of confidentiality about intelligence sources."

While he said such confidentiality is important in peacetime, Carter added "it would be crucial to us in time of an international crisis to have the people who give us information, completely in a legitimate way, to know their help to us, their aid to us, their friendship to us, wouldn't be revealed publicly."

have come to rest on the shoulders of Jimmy Carter, President, as never on the shoulders of Jimmy Carter, Governor of Geogia.

Such problems do not offer themselves to

overnight solutions.

But it is obvious that Carter is working long and hard, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day, to educate himself on such matters in the hope that eventually he can find solutions.

He will make his mistakes, as he already

has with certain appointments.

disagree with Jimmy Carter's own assessment that during six weeks in the White House "I have learned an awful lot."

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

April 16, 1977

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Rick Hutcheson

cc: Tim Kraft

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Tax Reform

I am concerned that Treasury's review of the tax code will not be as bold and open-minded as you want and have publicly promised.

My concern is prompted by the growing number of people who have told me that the good intentions of Larry Woodworth are increasingly being overtaken by the cautious, bureaucratic approach characteristic of all Treasury tax reform efforts. Unless this trend is reversed, you are likely to get in September a package which ignores sweeping reform in favor of minor (but complicated) changes in existing loopholes.

I think you can reverse the trend by meeting briefly with Larry and his top people, and indicating to them the depth of your commitment to real reform and the mandate they have from you - not Treasury - to produce such reform. I think that Secretary Blumenthal should also be at the meeting.

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